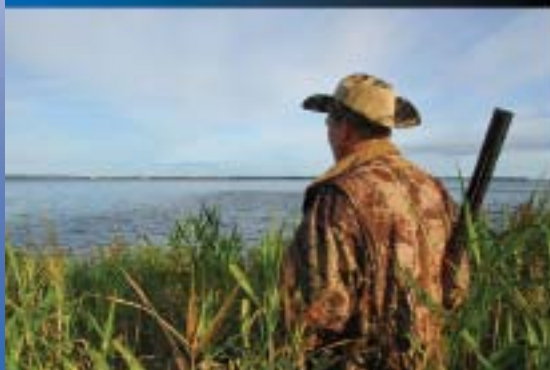




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FEBRUARY

Winter Carnival | Reedsburg
Winterfest | Baraboo
Hope House Fundraiser | Baraboo
Winter Carnival | Wisconsin Dells
Fall River Shiverfest

MARCH

RAHS Choraliers Home Show | Reedsburg
District Art Show | Reedsburg
Grand Slam Spaghetti Dinner | Baraboo
Spring into Spring Green

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Reedsburg, Franklin
Arbor Day Celebration | Franklin
BobFest | Spring Green
Vet Fest Run & Walk | Reedsburg
Fire House Spaghetti Supper | Reedsburg
Dells Riverfest | Wisconsin Dells

MAY

City Wide Garage Sales | Reedsburg
Spring Wine Walk | Baraboo
Spring Faire on the Square | Baraboo
Automotion Festival | Wisconsin Dells

JUNE

Caz Celebration | Cazenovia
Rotary Fly-In & Drive-In | Reedsburg
Butterfest | Reedsburg
Relay for Life | Reedsburg
Zoo Crew Day | Baraboo
Taste of Wisconsin Dells
Spring Green Arts & Crafts Show

JULY

Brat Bash 'N Dash | Reedsburg
Independence Day Celebration
Classic Car Show & Swap Meet | Reedsburg
Lazy Beaver Canoe Race | Reedsburg
Old Fashioned Day Festival | Baraboo
Civic Celebration | Franklin
Sauk County Fair | Baraboo
Columbia County Fair | Portage

AUGUST

Zona Gale | Portage
Gandy Dancer Festival | Mazomanie
Wildflower Walk | Baraboo
Crank it Up for Kids Bike Ride | Baraboo
WI DNR Stamp Exhibit | Baraboo
Taste of Portage Market Fair | Portage
Music in the Park | Baraboo
Reedikus Day | Reedsburg
Summer Art Classic | Baraboo
Relay for Life | Prairie du Sac
Badger Steam & Gas Engine Show | Baraboo
Fire & Fun on Hwy. 51 | Westfield
St. John's Fun Fest | Spring Green
Spring Green Car Show
BBQ & Music Festival | Westfield

AUGUST CONTD.

Susie the Duck Day | Lodi
Rhythm on the River | Spring Green
Rio Street Dance
Sorghum Fest | Fall River

SEPTEMBER

WI State Cow Chip Throw | Prairie du Sac
Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show
Baraboo River Rendezvous
BeatleFest | Spring Green
Pardeeville Watermelon Festival
Back to the '50s on Hwy. 60 | Arlington
Wild West Days | Mazomanie
Circus of Chefs | Baraboo
Leopald Center Volunteer Day | Baraboo
Wo-Zha-Wa Days Festival | Wisconsin Dells
Fall Colors Hike | Montello
Cranes of the World Festival | Baraboo
Catch for a Cure | Baraboo
Polish Fest | Wisconsin Dells
Pioneer Rendezvous Days | Westfield
Parsons Falls Festival Wisconsin Dells
Kiwanis Korn Karnival | Randolph

OCTOBER

Reedsburg Fire Department Arts & Craft Show
Portage Fall Craft Sale & Holiday Market
Bison Ridge Ranch Fall Fest | Packwaukee
Fair on the Square | Baraboo
Autumn Color Train Rides | North Freedom
Bethlehem Lutheran Craft Fair | Portage
Autumn Harvest Fest | Wisconsin Dells
Fall Art Tour | Baraboo

OCTOBER CONTD.

Railway Pumpkin Special | North Freedom
Pumpkin Bash | Mauston
Halloween Candlelight Hike | Baraboo
Threads of Warmth Quilt Show | Reedsburg
Dells Chili Cook-Off | Wisconsin Dells
Spring Green Fall Art Tour
Marathon & Half Marathon | Wisconsin Dells
Brew-B-Que | Lodi
Harvest Day | Columbus
Halloween Bash | Fall River

NOVEMBER

Downtown Baraboo Fall Wine Walk
Holly Jolly Light Parade | Baraboo
Lighted Holiday Parade | Portage
Railway Santa Express | North Freedom
Wine Walk & Shop | Baraboo
Holiday Craft Sale | Arlington
Cambria Holiday Craft & Vendor Event
Christmas by the Creek | Lodi
Columbus Holiday Parade
Randolph Holiday Bazaar

DECEMBER

Yuletide at the Portage
Downtown Baraboo Cookie Walk
An Artisan Christmas | Baraboo
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Sauk County was first settled in 1838 as pioneers arrived to stake land claims. The area was originally home to Indians and as a military road was constructed, Sauk County began to thrive. Ample natural resources and access to water continued to attract pioneers and early industry was led by agriculture. Railroad development allowed for growth and businesses, churches and schools were established to meet the needs of its residents. Baraboo was selected as the county seat and by 1900 the population of Sauk County had reached 33,006. Today Sauk County is home to approximately 58,922 residents.

CITIES:

BARABOO (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 12,048
REEDSBURG – pop. 10,014
WISCONSIN DELLS* – pop. 2,678

VILLAGES:

CAZENOVIA* – pop. 318
IRONTON – pop. 253
LA VALLE – pop. 367
LAKE DELTON – pop. 2,914
LIME RIDGE – pop. 162
LOGANVILLE – pop. 300
MERRIMAC – pop. 420
NORTH FREEDOM – pop. 701
PLAIN – pop. 773
PRAIRIE DU SAC – pop. 3,972
ROCK SPRINGS – pop. 362
SAUK CITY – pop. 3,410
SPRING GREEN – pop. 1,628
WEST BARABOO – pop. 1,414

TOWNS:

BARABOO – pop. 1,828
BEAR CREEK – pop. 497
DELLONA – pop. 1,199
DELTON – pop. 2,024
EXCELSIOR – pop. 1,410
FAIRFIELD – pop. 1,023
FRANKLIN – pop. 696
FREEDOM – pop. 416
GREENFIELD – pop. 911
HONEY CREEK – pop. 736
IRONTON – pop. 650
LA VALLE – pop. 1,203
MERRIMAC – pop. 868
PRAIRIE DU SAC – pop. 1,138
REEDSBURG – pop. 1,236
SPRING GREEN – pop. 1,585
SUMPTER – pop. 1,021
TROY – pop. 773
WASHINGTON – pop. 904
WESTFIELD – pop. 611
WINFIELD – pop. 752
WOODLAND – pop. 783

*Located in adjacent county or counties.

**Populations are approximate.

BARABOO (COUNTY SEAT)

First known as Adams, Baraboo was settled in 1838 by Abe Wood. The community was renamed Baraboo due to its proximity to the Baraboo River. Sawmills were established and the area grew dramatically. Baraboo was incorporated in 1883 and as the Ringling Brothers Circus was established in 1884, Baraboo was widely recognized as “the Circus City.” It was selected as the county seat and has continued to prosper.

CAZENOVIA

Located in Sauk and Richland Counties, Cazenovia was named after Cazenovia, New York, from where many settlers originated. Access to water attracted settlers and the area began to develop. By 1890 businesses included an iron furnace, pharmacy, mill, restaurant, general store and specialty shops.

IRONTON

Ironton was first settled by William Cochran in 1846 and named for the iron ore deposits found in the area. Jonas Tower built the first iron furnace, dam and mill and the community grew as settlers arrived to work the iron mines. Ironton quickly became a trading center and a post office, mill, church and school were established.

LA VALLE

“La Valle,” meaning “the valley,” was first settled by Samuel Karstetter in 1847 originally part of Marston. By 1858 the area housed a school, church, post office and lumber mills. As rail lines were completed in 1872, La Valle continued to grow and by 1890 La Valle boasted blacksmith shops, a hotel, wagon shop, livery stable, hardware store, saloon, factory and specialty shops.

LAKE DELTON

Lake Delton was platted in 1850 by Edward Norris and the community was first named Norris in his honor. Its name was changed to Delton and in 1926 it was changed to Mirror Lake. The following year a dam was constructed on Dell Creek to attract tourists to the area and a reservoir was established called Lake Delton. The community was renamed again and became a popular resort area. In 1954 Lake Delton was incorporated and the area continued to grow. In 2008 the dam for Lake Delton failed and the lake was drained which resulted in much damage. Repairs were made and within a year Lake Delton was restored.

LIME RIDGE

Lime Ridge was named after lime deposits discovered in the area and ample timber, water power and iron ore attracted settlers. The first post office was established in 1858 with Charles Cushman serving as postmaster. By 1913 Lime Ridge was incorporated and the community boasted a hotel, dam, mill, general store and several churches.

LOGANVILLE

Loganville was named in honor of early settler Chancey P. Logan and in 1855 the first post office was established with S.N. Kinsley serving as postmaster. Kinsley also served as the first teacher of the area and by 1877 mills were constructed and the area began to grow. A.D. Gibson established the first general store and by 1890 the population of Loganville reached 200 and the community housed hotels, a doctor’s office and an assortment of specialty shops.

MERRIMAC

Once known as Brown's Cabin, Matt's Ferry and Collomar, the community was renamed Merrimack by Mrs. J.G. Train after Merrimack County in New Hampshire. Chester Mattson served as the area's first postmaster and in 1899 Merrimack was incorporated. In 1950 Merrimac was officially given its current spelling and is now home to the Merrimac Ferry, started in 1848, and is the only free ferry in all of Wisconsin still in use.

NORTH FREEDOM

The first house in North Freedom was constructed by John Hackett in 1856 and the community was originally known as Hackett's Corners. The construction of a mill began to draw settlers and the first store was established in 1871 by John Ladd. In 1873 W.C.T. Newell platted streets and railroad expansion prompted growth. The community was renamed North Freedom and was incorporated by 1893.

PRAIRIE DU SAC

Prairie du Sac was named for the Sauk or Sac Indians that originally inhabited the area and streets were platted by David B. Crocker, Calvin Frinka and John LaMesuere in 1840. Crocker established the first store in the area and a variety of businesses soon followed. The community was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Baraboo.

REEDSBURG

Reedsburg was first settled by James Babb in 1848. A sawmill and gristmill were then built by David C. Reed and the community was named in his honor. As rail lines were constructed, Reedsburg continued to develop and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of its residents.

SAUK CITY

Originally known as Harszthy and then Westfield, Sauk City was renamed after the Indians that resided in the area. Berry Haney was the first settler to arrive in 1838 and streets were platted by Count Augustine Haraszthy in 1845. Businesses were established and the area developed quickly. In 1854 Sauk City was incorporated and today is the oldest incorporated village in all of Wisconsin.

WEST BARABOO

First known as Lyons, West Baraboo was platted in 1846. The first hotel was constructed in 1848 by James Webster and a school was established. Ample timber and access to water power attracted settlers and the area began to grow. The first school was organized in 1850 and businesses soon followed. West Baraboo was incorporated in 1956 and the community has continued to thrive.

WISCONSIN DELLS

Located in Adams, Columbia, Juneau, and Sauk Counties, Wisconsin Dells was originally a famous reference point for traders and explorers and was founded in 1857 upon the arrival of the railroad. The community was first known as Kilbourn and is one of the oldest resort areas in all of Wisconsin. The natural beauty attracted tourists from across the country, many of whom became permanent residents. The community continued to grow and it is now widely recognized as the "Waterpark Capital of the World," due to its numerous indoor and outdoor waterparks found throughout the area.



Columbia County was first settled by fur traders and originally home to Indians. As lands were opened for settlement, Columbia County began to grow and ample natural resources attracted many pioneers. Construction of the railroad allowed for development and settlements became communities. Portage was selected as the county seat and Columbia County continued to thrive. Businesses, churches and schools were established to meet the needs of its residents and by 1900 its population had reached 31,121. Today Columbia County is home to approximately 55,170 residents.

CITIES:

COLUMBUS* – pop. 4,991

LODI – pop. 3,050

PORTAGE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 10,662

WISCONSIN DELLS* – pop. 2,678

VILLAGES:

ARLINGTON – pop. 819

CAMBRIA – pop. 767

DOYLESTOWN – pop. 297

FALL RIVER – pop. 1,712

FRIESLAND – pop. 356

PARDEVILLE – pop. 2,115

POYNETTE – pop. 2,528

RANDOLPH* – pop. 1,811

RIO – pop. 1,059

WYOCENA – pop. 1,543

TOWNS:

ARLINGTON – pop. 902

CALEDONIA – pop. 1,391

COLUMBUS – pop. 643

COURTLAND – pop. 529

DEKORRA – pop. 2,309

FORT WINNEBAGO – pop. 821

FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE – pop. 885

HAMPDEN – pop. 552

LEEDS – pop. 771

LEWISTON – pop. 1,227

LODI – pop. 3,281

LOWVILLE – pop. 1,010

MARCELLON – pop. 1,094

NEWPORT – pop. 586

OTSEGO – pop. 694

PACIFIC – pop. 2,705

RANDOLPH – pop. 767

SCOTT – pop. 911

SPRINGVALE – pop. 518

WEST POINT – pop. 1,970

WYOCENA – pop. 1,667

*Located in adjacent county or counties.

**Populations are approximate.

ARLINGTON

In 1871 Arlington was platted by David Bullen and Mrs. Sarah Pierce and a post office was established with Mrs. Adeline C. Paine serving as postmaster. Rail lines were completed and the community became a shipping place for grain. By 1875 Arlington housed general stores, a blacksmith shop, hotel and several specialty shops.

CAMBRIA

The Langdon brothers arrived to the Cambria area in 1844 and established a sawmill and general store. They platted streets and called the community Florence, but the area was recognized as Langdon's Mill. Its name was changed to Belleville and as more settlers arrived, the community was renamed Cambria. By 1881 Cambria boasted a hotel, banks, creamery, canning factory, sawmill and an assortment of specialty stores.

COLUMBUS

Located in Columbia and Dodge Counties, the first settler of Columbus was Elbert Dickason in 1839 who built a home and a small sawmill. James T. Lewis was the first lawyer to the area and later went on to become Governor of Wisconsin from 1864 to 1865. The community is said to have been named after Christopher Columbus and a statue and a museum were constructed to honor his legacy.

DOYLESTOWN

In 1865 Lemuel H. Doyle purchased land with the intent of establishing a village and streets were platted by Alfred Topliff. The community was recognized as Doylestown in his honor and development was slow until Mr. Doyle offered free land to anyone willing to settle. The area experienced a boom and its population grew dramatically. Churches and schools were organized and the area continued to prosper.

FALL RIVER

Fall River was founded by A.A. Brayton who operated a sawmill and general store and established a post office in 1847. Ample water power attracted settlers and the community became a prominent stop on the railroad. Fall River was incorporated in 1903 and at one point had one of the largest canning factories in the nation, the Fall River Canning Company.

FRIESLAND

Friesland was first settled in 1844 and the community was first known as Randolph Center. By 1900 businesses included a blacksmith shop, post office, wagon and carriage shop along with churches and a school. Due to postal confusion with the nearby Village of Randolph, the community was renamed Friesland after Friesland in the Netherlands from where many settlers originated.

LODI

Attracted to ample natural resources and access to water, Lodi was settled by the Bartholomew brothers in 1844 and founded by Isaac Palmer in 1846. Its name means "Pleasant Valley" and as a sawmill was constructed the community began to grow. In 1871 rail lines were completed and in 1872 Lodi was incorporated as a village. By 1898 its population had reached 974 and Lodi continued to prosper. In 1941 the community was incorporated as a city and Lodi is now widely recognized for its annual Susie the Duck Day, a town celebration since 1948.

PARDEEVILLE

In 1848 John S. Pardee, a wealthy merchant from Milwaukee, sent his agent Reuben Stedman to present-day Pardeeville to establish a store and mill. The following year Yates Ashley took over Mr. Stedman's duties and continued development in the area. The community was named in honor of Mr. Pardee, its financier, and was incorporated in 1899. By 1901 Pardeeville boasted warehouses, churches, a creamery, grain elevator, lumberyard, bank and school.

PORTAGE (COUNTY SEAT)

Portage was first explored by Fr. Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet in 1673. The first trading post was erected in 1792 and allowed for major transportation and trading. Portage has a unique geographical location between the Fox River and the Wisconsin River, of which one flows south and one flows north. For many years settlers had to portage their canoes from one stream to another. The town was thus known originally as "Wau-wau-onah," a Winnebago word meaning "carry on the shoulder". It was later called Le Portage and eventually shortened to Portage and was selected as the county seat.

POYNETTE

The Village of Poynette was named after Pierre Pauquette, an Indian trader and first permanent settler to the area and a postal spelling error led to its present spelling. The village was later platted in 1851 by Samuel B. Pinney and the area began to grow upon development of the railroad. Businesses were established and churches and schools were organized.

RANDOLPH

Located in Columbia and Dodge Counties, Randolph was first known as Converseville after its founder John Converse. As streets were platted its name was changed to Westford until the community was incorporated in 1869 as Randolph. By 1895 its population had reached 592 and the community continued to grow. The first library was established in 1907 and in 1936 the Hutchinson Memorial Library was completed which is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

RIO

In 1864 local landowner N.B. Dunlap platted streets and a nearby post office and general store were moved to the community by Delos Bundy. Within two years a grain elevator, pharmacy, physician's office and lumberyard were thriving and Rio was incorporated in 1886.

WYOCENA

Wyocena was platted by Major Elbert Dickason in 1846 and was one of the first settlements in Columbia County. The community was selected as the county seat until 1850 when it was moved to Portage. A post office was established with Harvey Bush serving as postmaster. The first store was opened by Jacob Rogers and Elder S.E. Miner organized the first school. By 1910 businesses included mills, a creamery, bank and specialty shops.

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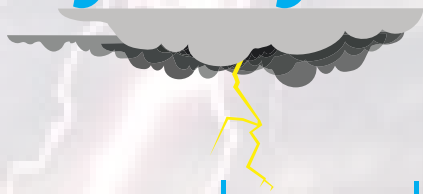
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 Youth Deer Hunt | Oct. 10 & 11
 Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities | Oct. 3 - 11
 Gun | Nov. 21 - 29
 Muzzleloader | Nov. 30 - Dec. 9
 Central Forest and Central Farmland Antlerless Hunt | Dec. 10 - 13
 Southern Farmland Holiday Hunt | Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2016

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant | Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31
 Bobwhite Quail | Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 9
 Ruffed Grouse
 Zone A | Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016
 Zone B | Oct. 17 - Dec. 8
 Sharp-tailed Grouse | Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.
 Hungarian Partridge | Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31
 *Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties
 Crow | Jan. 24 - Mar. 20 & Sept. 12 - Nov. 19

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose | Sept. 1 - 15
 Early Teal Season | Sept. 1 - 7
 Regular Duck and Goose
 Dates will be established in mid August
 Woodcock | Sept. 19 - Nov. 2
 Mourning Dove | Sept. 1 - Nov. 29

FURBEARERS

Coyote Hunting | Continuous open season
 Trapping | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Beaver Trapping Only
 Zone A (Northwest) | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone B (Northeast) | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Zone C (South) | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 Zone D (Mississippi River) |
 Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2016
 Mink and Muskrat Trapping Only | Oct. 24 - Mar. 6, 2016
 Fox (Red and Gray) Hunting and Trapping | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Bobcat Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
 Period 1 | Oct. 17 - Dec. 25
 Period 2 | Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2016
 Fisher | Trapping Only - Permits required
 Various zones | Oct. 17 - Dec. 31
 Otter | Trapping Only - Permits required
 North Zone | Nov. 7 - Apr. 30, 2016
 Central Zone | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 South Zone | Nov. 7 - Mar. 31, 2016
 Raccoon | Hunting and Trapping

FURBEARERS (Cont)

Resident | Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2016
 Non-resident | Oct. 31 - Feb. 15, 2016

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt | Apr. 11 - 12
 Spring
 Period A | Apr. 15 - 21
 Period B | Apr. 22 - 28
 Period C | Apr. 29 - May 5
 Period D | May 6 - 12
 Period E | May 13 - 19
 Period F | May 20 - 26
 Fall | Sept. 12 - Nov. 19
 Zones 1-5 | Nov. 30 - Dec. 31

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted: | Sept. 9 - Oct. 13 with aid of bait with all other legal methods not using dogs
 All other zones where dogs are permitted: | Sept. 9 - 15 with aid of dogs only | Sept. 16 - Oct. 6 with aid of dogs with aid of bait with all other legal methods | Oct. 7 - 13 with aid of bait with all other legal methods not using dogs

WOLF

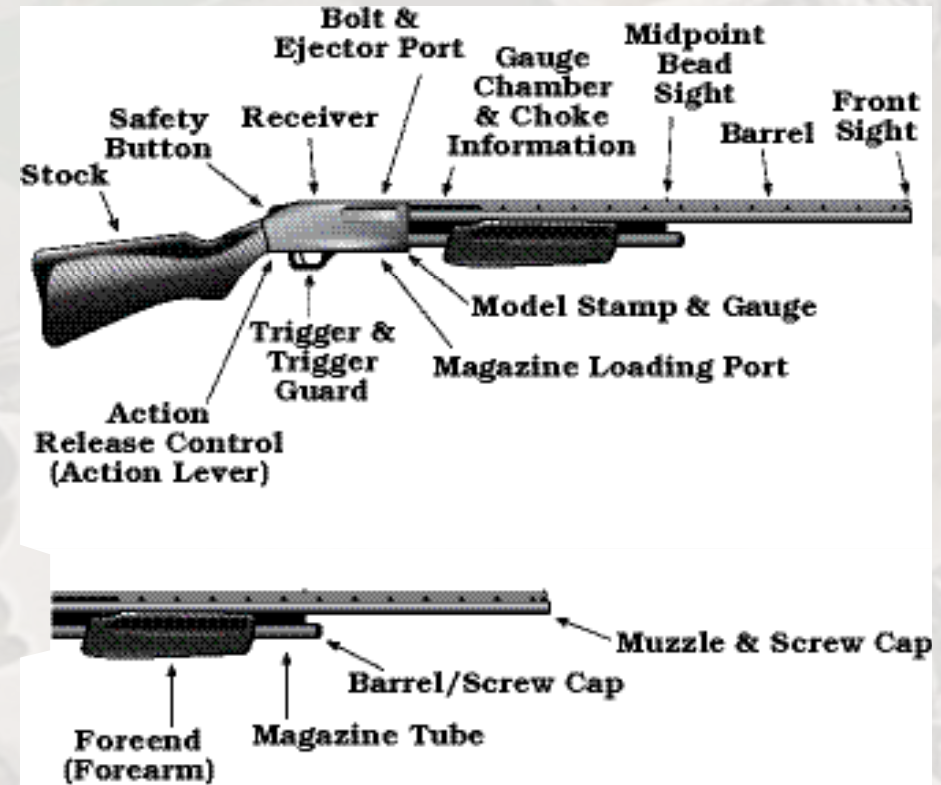
Hunting and Trapping | Oct. 15 - Feb. 29, 2016*
 Hunting with the aid of dogs used for tracking and trailing | Nov. 30 - Feb. 29, 2016*
 *Season may close early if quota is likely to be reached. See 2015 Wolf Regulations for more information.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
 Northern Zone | Sept. 12 - Feb. 29, 2016
 Southern Zone | Oct. 17 (noon) - Feb. 29, 2016
 Squirrels (Gray and Fox) | Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species, such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose, and flying squirrel, is prohibited.
 See 2015 Small Game Regulations for more details.
 *Please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: dnr.wi.gov, Toll Free: 1 (888) 936-7463 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Sauk & Columbia Counties:

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ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



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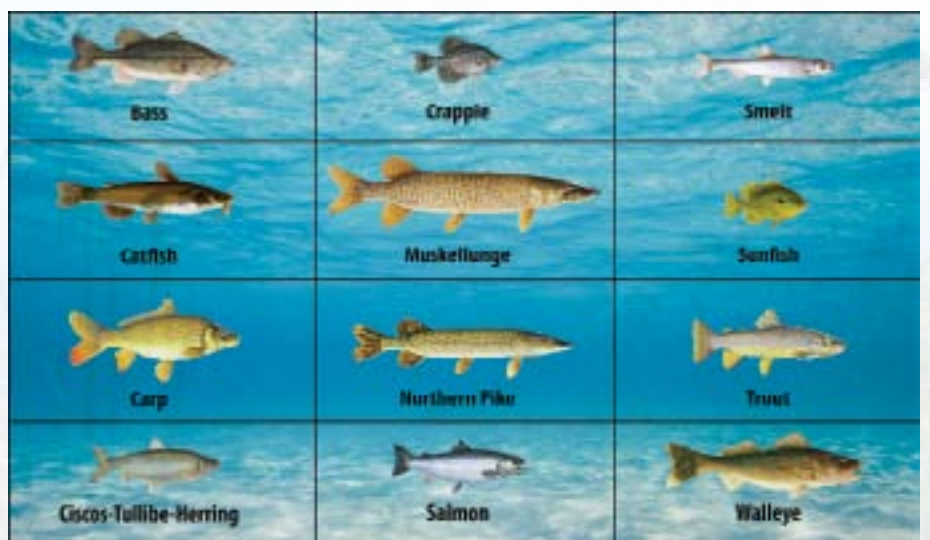
- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
 - The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
 - Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
 - Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
 - Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



FISHING SEASONS

Early inland trout March 7 (5 a.m.) to April 26	Musky - northern zone May 23 to Nov. 30
General inland trout May 2 (5 a.m.) to Sept. 30	Musky - southern zone May 2 to Dec. 31
General inland fishing May 2 to March 6, 2016	Northern pike May 2 to March 6, 2016
Largemouth bass northern zone May 2 to March 6, 2016	Walleye May 2 to March 6, 2016
Smallmouth bass northern zone catch and release May 2 to June 19	Lake sturgeon Sept. 5 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)
Smallmouth bass northern zone harvest June 20 to March 6, 2016	Free fishing weekends January 17-18, 2015 (winter) June 6-7, 2015 (winter) January 16-17, 2016 (winter)
Large and smallmouth bass southern zone May 2 to March 6, 2016	

COMMON FISH SPECIES



Operating Watercraft

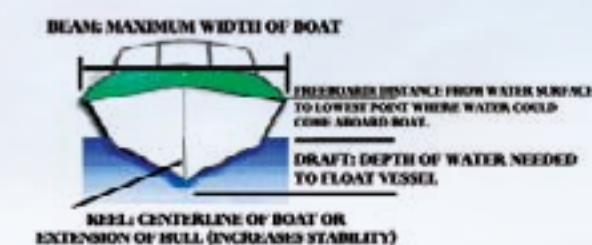
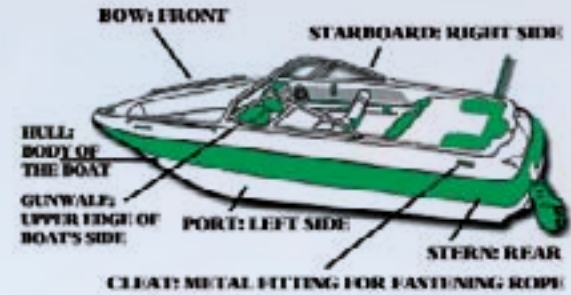
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:**
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



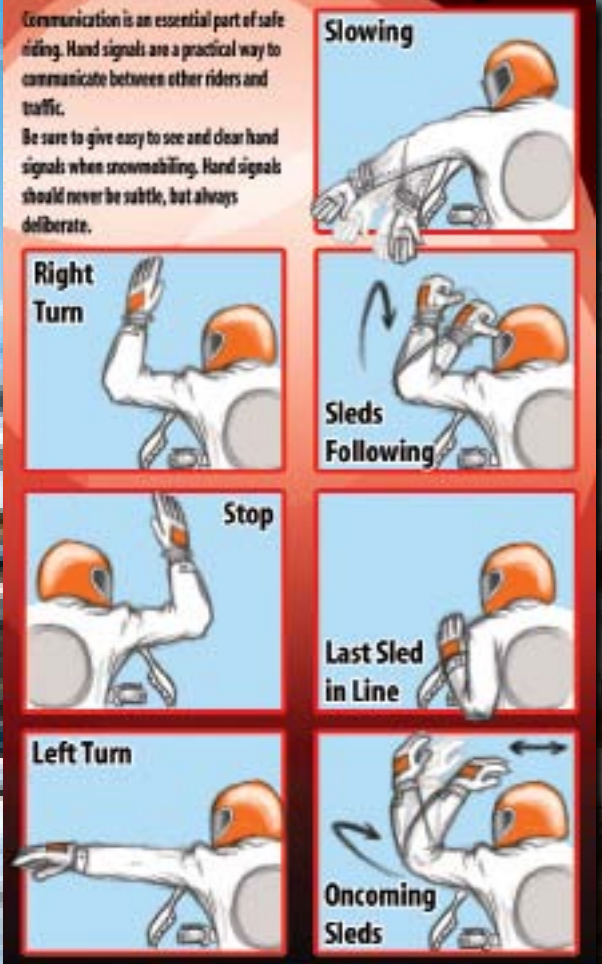
All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals



Read the owner's manual

- and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
 - Wear protective equipment and clothing.
 - Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
 - Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
 - Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
 - Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
 - Stay to the right on trails.
 - Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
 - Know the weather forecast.
 - Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
 - Maintain safe distances between other riders.
 - Reduce your speed when riding at night.
 - Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
 - Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

Know Your ATV

Drink lots of Water!

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Be Cautious of Other Bikers



Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey

all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.





Snowmobile Trail



ATV Trail



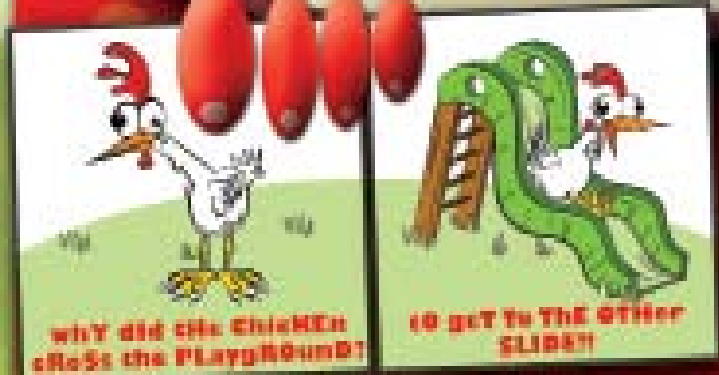
Hey!
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it out!!!

COLOR ME!



SILLY JOKES...

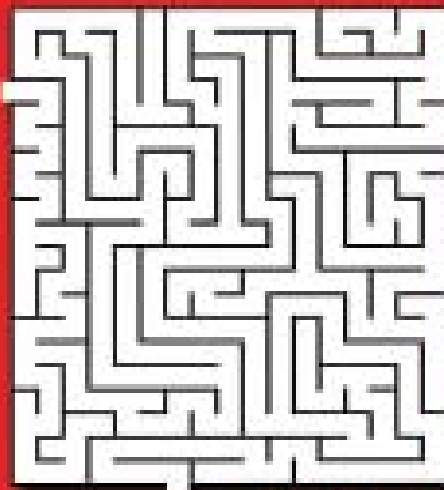
- Q: Why do dogs run in circles?
A: Because it's hard to run in squares!
- Teacher: Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?
Doctor: Use a pencil 'til I get there.
- Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?
A: The food.
- Q: Who invented fractions?
A: Henry the 8th!
- The Perfect homework excuse...
Teacher: Where is your homework?
Student: I feel it fighting with the kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school!
- Q: Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?
A: Because if he lifted up both legs it would fall over!
- Q: What runs but never walks?
A: Water!
- Q: Did you hear about the fool who keeps going around saying "no"?
A: Yes...? Oh, so it's you?



WHY did the CHICKEN cross the PLAYGROUND?

TO GET TO THE OTHER SLIDE!

Can you find your way?



Math Time

12	+	11	+	7	=	
+		+		+		+
18	+	19	+	16	=	
+		+		+		+
12	+	13	+	4	=	
=		=		=		=
+		+		+		+



End Here!

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any anti-freeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sun-screen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



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